for the establishment of Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres. As the establishment of these faculties is the responsibility of the State Governments, the Central Government has been repeatedly advising them to fill the gaps. Financial assistance is however being provided for repairs and renovation of the health facilities, procurement of equipments and drugs.

(b) There is no proposal to establish dispensaries in rural or under served areas with financial assistance from the Central Government.

(c) to (d) Do not arise.

Taking away of autonomous powers of MCI

54. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to take away from the Medical Council of India its autonomous powers to supervise all matters concerning medical education, such as running of colleges, framing of syllabi, quality control etc., and to replace the medical professionals with officers of his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the justification for the switch over in favour of non-professionals, who may have no medical background?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

Drug testing

55. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a consumer can take a strip of medicine and get it tested in any authorized laboratory to detect a fake drug;

(b) if so, the names and addresses of such laboratories in Delhi, Hyderabad and Kolkata; and

(c) how an average consumer can detect a fake drug without such testing facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 any person or any recognized consumer associations, whether such person is a member of that association or not, shall on application in the prescribed manner and on payment of the prescribed fee, be entitled to submit for test or analysis to a Government Analyst any drug or cosmetic purchased by him or it and to receive a report of such test or analysis signed by the Government Analyst.

(b) The Laboratories at Delhi, Hyderabad and Kolkata are as under:—

(1) Combined Food and Drugs Laboratory, A-2, Lawrence Road, Delhi-35.

(2) Drugs Control Lab., Drugs Control Admn., Vengal Rao Nagar Hyderabad-500 038 (A.P.)

(3) The Central Drugs Laboratory, 3 Kyd. Street, Kolkata.

(4) State Drugs Control & Research Laboratory, No. 2, Convent Lane, Kolkata-700 015.

(c) Even though, it is difficult to differential physically between the false and genuine product, close examination and comparison of the labelling of the medicine or of the formulation with geniue product could reveal the difference.

Sale of harmful drugs

56. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be plesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of medicines containing harmful drug formulations which have been banned abroad are being freely sold in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken, if any, during the last three years to ban such medicines; and

(d) the other measures being contemplated to eliminate the sale of these harmful medicines?